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REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer,

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF TROY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1877.

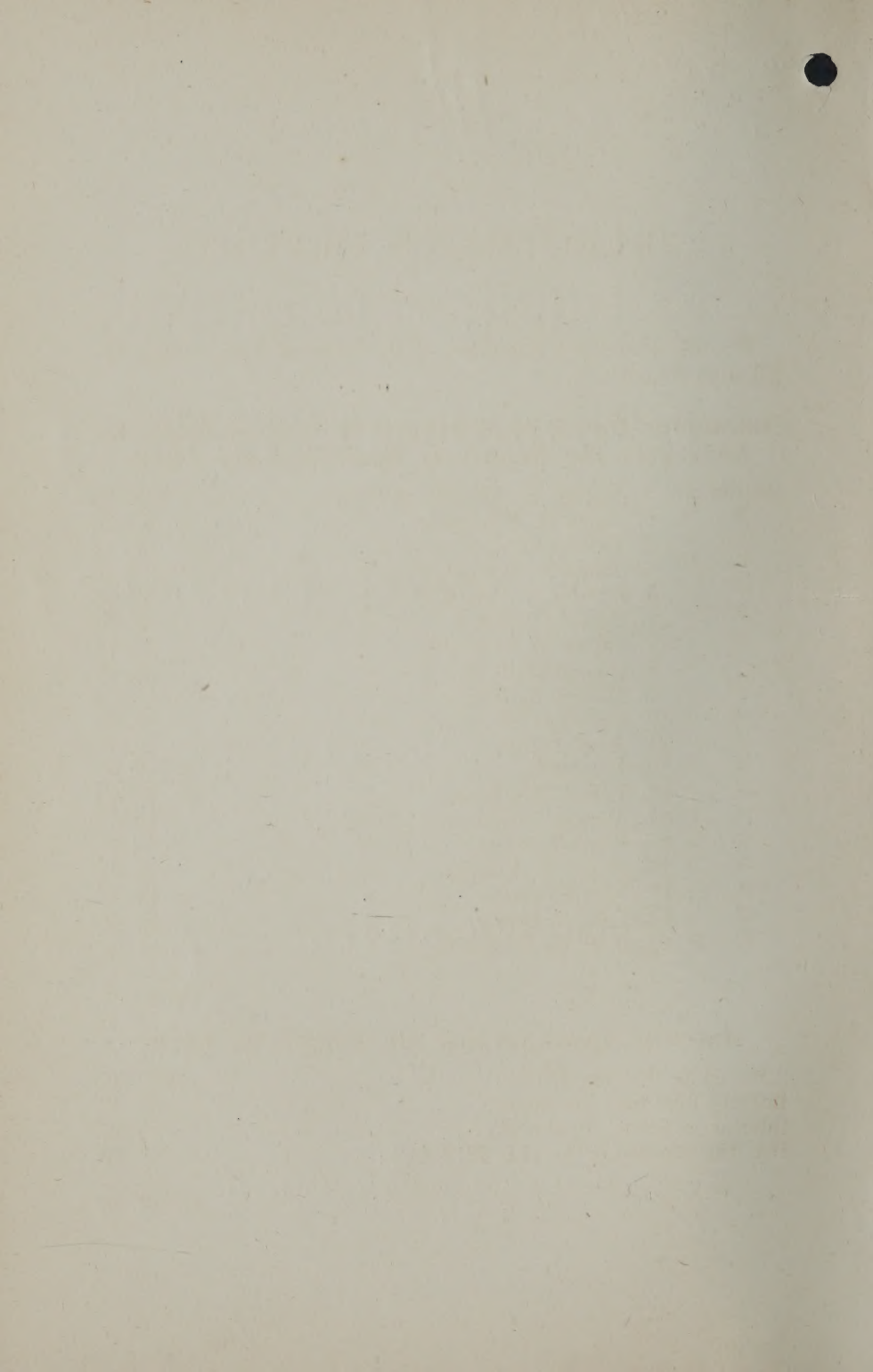


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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Troy, submit the following Report :

Amount of Money apportioned the several Highway Surveyors for Repair of Highways for 1876.

District No. 1,	George W. Randall, surveyor,	\$47 18
" "	2, James R. Stanley, "	55 22
" "	3, Ezekiel Starkey, "	33 63
" "	4, James R. Stanley, "	32 32
" "	5, Charles A. Farrer, "	43 14
" "	6, Edmund Bemis, "	43 95
" "	7, Oliver P. Whitcomb, "	43 07
" "	8, George W. Brown, "	30 27
" "	9, William A. Harris, "	18 72
" "	10, Daniel J. Fife, "	35 10
" "	11, Amos Baker, "	20 41
" "	12, Eri Fetch, "	19 87
" "	13, Luther Whittemore, "	15 34
" "	14, Thomas Tolman, "	15 34
" "	15, Edmund Bemis, "	32 85
" "	16, David W. Farrer, "	36 07
" "	17, Alva S. Clark, "	16 46
" "	18, Luke C. Clark, "	29 29
" "	19, Franklin Whitcomb, "	24 94
		\$593 17

Amount Appropriated for Schools in 1876.

Assessed for the year 1876,	\$900 00
Literary fund from the State,	87 30
Interest on School Fund note,	24 00
Dog Tax assessed in the year 1874-5,	138 00
	\$1,149 30

Division of School Money for 1876.

District No. 1, Alpheus M. Forristall, Committee,	451 53
“ “ 2, Wm. A. Harris, “	253 98
“ “ 3, Joseph Haskell, “	129 21
“ “ 4, Levi Merrifield, “	126 75
“ “ 5, Daniel Streeter, “	102 29
“ “ 6, Luke C. Clark, “	83 17
George Damon, school tax in Fitzwilliam,	2 37
	\$1,149 30

Amount of Money Expended in 1876.

District No. 1, Alpheus M. Forristall, Committee,	\$385 00
“ “ 2, William A. Harris, “	241 33
“ “ 3, Joseph Haskell, “	109 00
“ “ 4, Levi Merrifield, “	118 00
“ “ 5, Daniel Streeter, “	109 75
“ “ 6, Luke C. Clark, “	83 17
George Damon, school tax in Fitzwilliam,	2 37
	\$1,048 62

State and County Taxes.

Paid State tax for the year 1876,	\$944 00
“ County tax for the year 1876,	564 95
	\$1,508 95

Town Officers' Pay for 1876.

Alva S. Clark, services as Selectman for the year 1875,	\$117 00
Edmund Bemis, services as Selectman for the year 1875,	98 00
Wm. N. Watson, services as Selectman for the year 1875,	105 00
Jonathan S. Herrick, services as Superintending School Committee for the year 1875,	70 00
Asa C. Dort, services as Town Treasurer,	20 00
Augustus Hodgkins, services as Town Clerk,	20 00
	\$430 00

***Support of Poor from March 1st, 1876, to
March 1st, 1876.***

Paid Mary A. Kendall, boarding Joseph Kendall 52 weeks,	\$155 98
Mary M. Whittemore, for boarding Hannah Patney 52 weeks,	52 00
Warren D. Holbrook, aid furnished to Cora B. and Edgar D. Holbrook,	22 28
Edward S. Foster, for boarding Joseph Alexander and wife,	258 58
Medicine for Joseph Alexander,	2 01
Stocking yarn for Joseph Alexander,	40
James Capen, mending shoes for Joseph Alexander,	95
Carl G. Metcalf, for doctoring Joseph Alexander's wife,	2 00
Levi Merrifield, boarding Caroline Alexander 52 weeks,	101 67
Carl G. Metcalf, medical attend. on Caroline Alexander,	1 75
Willard White, for wood for Mrs. Calvin Lawrence,	5 62
John Clement, entertaining transient paupers,	99 25
Edmund Bemis, for wood for Mrs. Calvin Lawrence,	4 00
James R. Stanley, cash paid transient pauper,	1 25
Alva S. Clark, for entertaining transient paupers,	3 00
	\$710 74

Fire Department.

Paid Wm. J. Boyden, repairing cisters, hose and engine,	\$16 05
“ “ wood and oil for engine,	4 80
A. M. Forristall, services of 40 engine men,	120 00
A. C. Upham, for screw driver for engine,	1 00
	\$141 85

Highways and Bridges.

Expended by direction of the Selectmen and Surveyors :

Paid George W. Randall, Districts Nos. 1 and 4,	\$4 35
William A. Harris, “ “ 2,	9 00
Charles D. Farrer, “ “ 8,	7 00
Reuben Morse, “ “ 9,	1 54
Jotham H. Holt, stringer for bridge,	50
Henry Grimes, Districts Nos. 6, 14 and 11,	11 25
Thomas Tolman, “ “ 14,	12 90
John Sullivan, District No. 16,	3 07

Paid	A. C. Upham, sharpening drills,	50
	James R. Stanley,	23 10
	Gregory Lawrence, District No. 16,	5 45
	Edmund Bemis, road and culvert,	27 00
	Wm. N. Watson, Districts Nos. 10, 11, 14 and 15,	27 74
	Simeon Merrifield,	4 24
	Luke C. Clark, one railing pole for bridge,	50
	Franklin Whitecomb, District No. 19,	3 00
	Alva S. Clark,	4 39
	George W. Brown, District No. 8,	3 14
	John W. Coulter,	2 00
	Luther Whittemore, District No. 13,	2 21
	Lemuel W. Brown,	30
	Asa C. Dort, for sawing stringers for bridge,	50
	E. P. Kimball, for hauling gravel,	1 80
	Barrett Ripley,	6 62
		\$162 10

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid	George S. Bemis, tax,	\$1 07
	Oliver T. Cressey, “	1 07
	Moses Elliot, “	1 07
	George E. French,	3 07
	George F. Kimball, not taxable,	1 07
	Jerome W. Leighton, tax,	2 07
	Wesley D. Putnam, not taxable,	1 07
	Martin P. Stone, dog tax, had no dog,	1 00
	John Fox Jaffrey, over assessment,	2 00
		\$13 49

Breaking Roads in Winters of 1875-6-7.

Paid	George W. Randall, in the year 1876,	\$3 76
	Moses Abair, “ 1875,	1 00
	Calvin Barnard, “ 1875 and 1876,	1 12
	Amos Baker, “ “ “	5 40
	Wm. A. Harris, “ “ “	6 08
	Reuben Gibson, “ “ “	2 05
	Wm. C. Morse, “ “ “	2 81
	Lovell P. Butler, “ “ “	6 27
	Jotham H. Holt, “ “ “	75
	Thomas Tolman, “ “ “	9 50

Paid	John Sullivan,	in the years 1875 and 1876,	3 70
	Charles H. Gove,	" " "	45
	James R. Stanley,	" " "	3 15
	Wm. N. Watson,	" " "	14 88
	Joseph Haskell,	" " "	17 80
	Simeon Merrifield,	" " "	5 40
	Luke C. Clark,	" " "	5 55
	Franklin Whitcomb,	" " "	3 00
	Alva S. Clark,	" " "	5 30
	George W. Brown,	1876 and 1877,	12 08
	Franklin Whitcomb,	" " "	12 82
	Betsey Farrer, executor,	1875 and 1876,	6 29
	Charles A. Farrer,	1876 and 1877,	14 98
	Amos Baker,	" " "	5 62
	Eri Felch,	" " "	14 05
	John Lang,	1875 and 1876,	2 95
	Charles E. Lang,	1876 and 1877,	1 50
	Levi Streeter,	" " "	4 60
	Thomas Tolman,	" " "	11 93
	John W. Coulter,	" " "	6 00
	Luther Whittemore,	" " "	7 35
	Simeon Merrifield,	" " "	18 84
	Ezekiel Starkey,	1875 and 1876,	8 49
	" "	1876 and 1877,	7 36
	Matthew Wilson,	" " "	1 95
	William A. Harris,	" " "	12 72
	Wm. N. Watson,	" " "	30 87
	Daniel J. Fife,	1875 and 1876,	2 90
	" "	1876 and 1877,	5 55
	Alva S. Clark,	" " "	8 10
	Oliver P. Whitcomb,	" " "	27 34
	Asa C. Dort,	" " "	75
	William C. Moore,	" " "	6 38
	Hamilton Parker,	1875 and 1876,	4 00
	Luke Parkhurst,	1876 and 1877,	9 07
	James R. Stanley,	" " "	23 30
	Franklin Woodward,	" " "	1 40
	John T. Leonardson,	1875 and 1876,	1 60
	Orrin H. Peck,	1876 and 1877,	1 77
	Samuel Mortimer,		4 05
	Benjamin F. Harris,		4 13

\$378 61

Notes and Interest Paid.

Paid	Alton Blodgett, interest on note,	\$120 00
	Ruth Haskell, " "	27 00
	Maria Wheeler, endorsement on note,	124 61
	Edmund Bemis, endorsement on Geo. Stowell's note,	73 87
	Keene Five-cent Savings Bank, 2 notes and interest,	1,363 95
	Cheshire Provident Bank, Keene, note and interest,	521 00
	Monadnock Savings Bank, Jaffrey, interest paid,	73 00
	Edmund Bemis, note and interest,	203 96
	Jotham H. Holt, interest on note,	30 00
	Sarah Haskell, endorsement on note,	15 00
	Edwin Buttrick, adm., interest on Thos. Wright's note,	60 92
	Polly Amidon, endorsement on note,	25 00
	Monadnock Savings Bank, 6 months interest on note,	64 33
	Nancy B. Wheeler, interest on note,	6 00
	Interest on School fund note,	24 00
		\$2,732 64

Sundries Paid.

Paid	M. Dickerman, for drawing 900 feet bridge plank,	\$2 47
	Silas Cummings, for 15 certificates of births and deaths,	3 75
	J. W. Taylor, for lettering guide-boards,	9 80
	G. W. Randall, for digging grave for Nathan Carter,	75
	Carl G. Metcalf, for vaccinating 256 persons,	68 25
	Alden C. Upham, for repairing bell and roof on Hall,	3 30
	William A. Harris, for getting stamps and tax bills,	2 84
	M. V. B. Greene, for printing tax reports in 1875,	29 95
	Walter F. Page, for work on cistern, and cement,	10 75
	George Damon, for 3 dinners for Selectmen,	1 00
	Edmund Bemis, car fare to Keene and Fitchburg, to borrow money,	3 80
	Edmund Bemis, for blank books and stationery,	4 93
	Alva S. Clark, for stationery,	2 74
	Winslow Phillips, damage on highway,	9 00
	John Clement, entertaining Agricultural lecturers,	5 50
	A. R. Gleason, for medical attendance on small pox,	15 00
	" " " certificates of 3 births,	75
	Asa C. Dort, car fare and time going to Keene,	2 05

Paid Wm. A. Harris, burying clothes infected with small pox,	1 50
E. P. Kimball, rope used at N. Carter's grave,	38
Nahum Green, for nursing Nathan Carter while sick with small pox.	52 50
	\$230 81

Sexton for 1876.

Paid Wm. A. Harris, for opening grave for R. Ripley's child,	\$1 00
Chas. Haskell, opening 18 graves and attending funerals,	49 50
Chas. Haskell, for repairing hearse,	1 00
	\$51 50

Expense of Lockup.

Paid Walter F. Page, for cement, lime and labor,	\$33 60
Barrett, Ball & Co., for 5,800 bricks furnished,	46 40
Alden C. Upham, for bolts and door fixtures,	11 62
Charles H. Gove, for work,	10 87
“ “ “ “ “	6 38
E. P. Kimball & Co., for glass and nails,	1 68
Charles W. Whitney, for hinges and screws,	1 40
Hamilton Parker, drawing brick,	3 90
Winthrop Knight, oak plank,	7 00
James R. Stanley, for work and cash,	19 87
Davis & Co., Winchendon, for sheathing,	17 70
William White, for lumber furnished,	3 09
	\$163 51

Non-resident Highway Taxes Worked in 1876.

Paid Amos Baker, for working A. F. Knight's tax for 1875,	\$1 40
“ “ “ “ “ 1876,	1 10
Sidney A. Butters,	1 50
Edwin A. Flagg,	1 29
Barrett Ripley,	66 28
	\$71 57

Recapitulation.

Schooling,	\$1,048 62
State and County Tax,	1,508 95
Town Officers' Bills,	430 00
Support of Poor,	710 74
Fire Department,	141 85
Highways and Bridges,	162 10
Abatement of Taxes,	13 49
Breaking Roads,	378 61
Notes and Interest Paid,	2,732 64
Sundries,	230 81
Sexton's Bills,	51 50
Lockup,	163 51
Non-resident Highway Taxes Worked,	71 57
	\$7,644 39

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASA C. DORT, *Town Treasurer for the year 1876.*

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March 15,	Outstanding taxes in the hands E. P. Kimball,	
	Collector for the year 1875,	\$1,717 68
	Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund	
	Bemis, Collector, 1874,	33 81
	School fund notes signed by the Selectmen,	400 00
	Cash in the Treasury,	59 27
	Outstanding taxes in the hands of C. H. Gove,	
	Collector for 1873,	10 87
April 4,	Rec'd of the County, for the support of paupers,	167 89
	Taxes assessed for the year 1876,	3,945 12
	Non-resident highway, “	213 14
	Dog tax assessed, “	73 00
	Carlos Barnard, poll tax added,	1 29
July 1,	Cash borrowed of Edmund Bemis,	200 00
Sept. 6,	“ “ Alton Blodgett,	2,000 00
Oct. 23,	Received of County, for support of paupers,	186 75
Oct. 30,	Cash borrowed of Houghton Lawrence,	125 00
	Received of John Sullivan, for old derrick rope,	3 00

Received of State Treasurer, railroad dividend,	106 05
“ Savings Bank Tax,	802 20
“ Literary fund,	87 30
Received of E. P. Kimball, for use of hay scales,	18 08
“ of Jones E. Royce, one dog tax,	1 00
“ Interest on school fund note,	24 00
“ of Edmund Bemis, interest on taxes collected for 1874,	27 29
	\$10,202 74

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March 1, Outstanding taxes in the hands of William A. Harris, Collector for 1876,	\$546 73
Outstanding taxes in the hands of E. P. Kim- ball, Collector for 1875,	914 55
Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis, Collector for 1874,	26 04
School fund notes signed by Selectmen,	400 00
By payment of 175 orders of the Selectmen,	7,644 39
cash in the Treasury,	671 03
	\$10,202 74

Assets of the Town March 1, 1877.

Outstanding taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball for 1875,	\$914 55
“ “ “ “ Edmund Bemis, 1873,	26 04
“ “ “ “ Wm. N. Harris, 1876,	546 73
Cash in the Treasury,	671 03
Due from United States,	1,386 00
Furniture used by Mrs. Hannah Putney,	20 00
Value of hay scales,	300 00
Value of Town meadow,	10 00
Due from County, for support of Poor,	164 30
Value of bridge plank,	72 00
Due from James R. Stanley, for use of Town Hall,	30 40
Value of Town derrick,	250 00
Due from Nathan Carter's estate, for cash paid Nahum Green, for nursing Nathan Carter while sick with small pox,	\$52 50
	\$4,443 55

Liabilities of the Town March 1, 1877.

Buth Haskell,	note and interest,	\$530 00
Maria Wheeler,	" "	790 23
Sarah Haskell,	" "	424 71
Thomas Wright,	" "	1,035 48
Edmund Bemis, guardian,	" "	120 00
Alton Blodgett,	" "	2,112 16
Lucy Harris,	" "	337 10
Nancy B. Wheeler,	" "	100 00
Polly Amidon,	" "	90 33
School Fund,	" "	400 00
Monadnock Savings Bank,	" "	2,020 00
Town Officers' Bills, by estimation,		260 00
Due Edward P. Kimball, Collector of Taxes in 1875,		50 00
Jotham H. Holt, note and interest,		510 00
Due School District No. 1,		66 53
" " " " 2,		12 65
" " " " 3,		20 21
" " " " 4,		8 75
" " " " 5,		22 84
Alton Blodgett, notes and interest,		2,055 00
Houghton Lawrence, note and interest,		127 50
Due Edmund Bemis, Collector of Taxes in 1874,		3 00
Total Liabilities,		\$11,096 49
Assets subtracted,		4,443 55
Indebtedness March 1, 1877,		\$6,652 94

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD BEMIS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM N. WATSON,	
JAMES R. STANLEY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Troy.</i>

March 2d, 1877.

We have this day examined the books of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen, and find them correctly footed and the proper vouchers.

H. W. FARRAR,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WILLIAM BUTLER,	

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

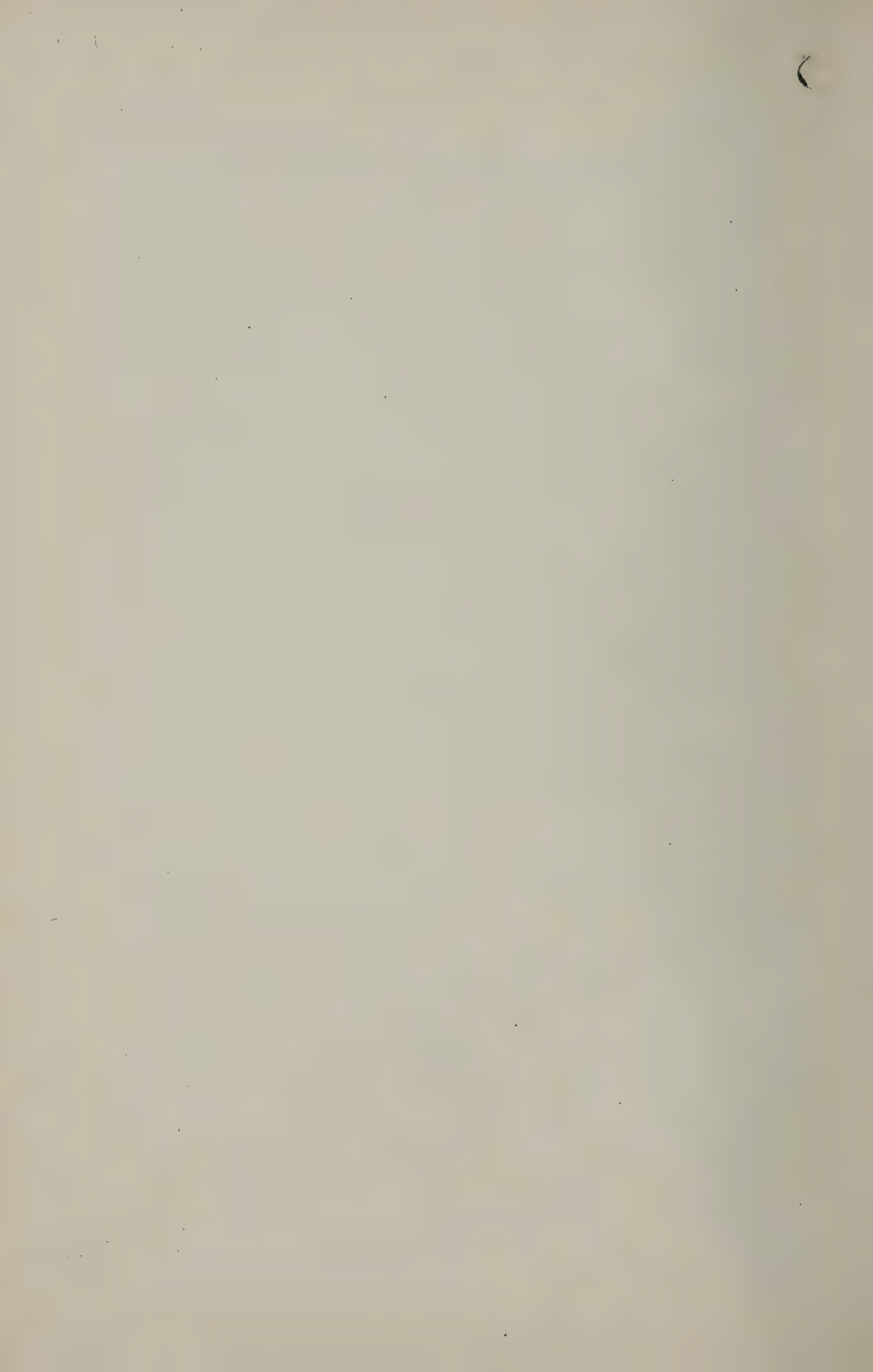
The Engineers of the Fire Department of the Town of Troy respectfully submit the following report :

The engine, hose, and hose carriage are in good and efficient condition.

(For expenses of Fire Department see Selectmen's Report.)

The expense of our Fire Department is very small compared with others of no more efficiency. We have as good a company of firemen as there is in the county, and we think they have always done as good execution at fires as circumstances would admit. Let us appreciate their services by furnishing all necessary conveniences and apparatus.

W. J. BOYDEN, *Chief Engineer.*



SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of Troy, as required by law, submit the following Report, for the year ending March 1st, 1877:

As a whole, we have had successful schools the past year. No intervention of Committee has been called to aid in discipline, and the general behavior of the pupils has been worthy of much commendation. A moral influence has pervaded our school-rooms, profanity and vulgarity, which so often greet the ears of those passing our school play-grounds, has become in a measure checked, and we can but hope banished from the thoughts of our children.

Sickness, principally diphtheria, has prevailed to an unusual extent, in consequence of which in Districts Nos. 3 and 6 the average attendance was much diminished. In No. 6 seven scholars have died, being over half the scholars enrolled in the district.

The average attendance in all of our schools is largely below what it should be. For this, and the cases of tardiness, which are quite too many, we believe the parents are in a great measure responsible. From the School Registers we find that nearly six years of valuable time which should have been improved has been wasted by our scholars this past year. Let the principle of punctuality be zealously inculcated in our schools, and a habit will be formed by our children which will extend beyond the school-room, and be felt in everyday business life.

We would continue to recommend the system of free school-books, as urged in former reports.

In the schools where oral teaching has been partially practised we have discovered a greater improvement, and would suggest this manner of teaching. Also, that teachers encourage the scholars to

use their own language in illustrating the principles of the text-book, rather than the exact wording.

We would recommend, and deem it necessary, that a new series of Reading books be introduced into our schools.

DISTRICT No. 1.

A. M. FORRISTALL, Prudential Committee.

There were three terms in this district. The Summer and Winter terms, of ten weeks each, were taught by Mrs. L. B. Wright, who is one of our most efficient teachers, and having had many years experience is very much at home in the school-room. Every class is an example of thorough drill. Oral teaching has been introduced. In mathematics we noticed the books were put aside, and illustrations given in examples that occur in common business transactions.

The Fall term, of twelve weeks, was taught by Miss Lillie J. Adams, of Marlboro. This school was composed of very young scholars, and was well managed. There was apparently a good feeling between teacher and pupil, which is always necessary to a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILLIAM A. HARRIS, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term, of nine weeks, was under the instruction of Miss Mattie Lovering, of Groton, Mass., a teacher of large experience, and well qualified to instruct. The school made commendable progress.

The Winter school, of eleven weeks, was taught by Mr. H. A. Tarbell, a Dartmouth student, from Cavendish, Vt. Mr. Tarbell has superior qualifications, and under his instruction the scholars made good improvement.

We need, and *must* have, more discipline in this district, and we ask the aid of parents and guardians to assist, and further all the efforts in this direction, that this school be second to none in town.

DISTRICT No. 3.

JOSEPH HASKELL, Prudential Committee.

This school had two terms. The Summer term, of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Alice B. Barnard, and the Winter term, of ten weeks, by Miss Jennie G. Clark. We were agreeably surprised by the good record given by the school, as compared to a former one. The energy of the teachers, seconded by the earnest efforts of the scholars, resulted in marked improvement.

DISTRICT No. 4.

LEVI MERRIFIELD, Prudential Committee.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Ella Watson, embracing eighteen weeks. Miss Watson is an excellent instructor. The school prospered, and appeared well at the final examination.

DISTRICT No. 5.

DANIEL L. STREETER, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term, of eight weeks, was under the instruction of Miss Bell M. Watson. This was Miss Watson's third term in the district, and gave satisfaction.

The Winter term, of nine weeks, was successfully taught by Miss Flora E. Chamberlain, of Swanzey.

We have evidence of good progress made by the scholars of this district the past year.

DISTRICT No. 6.

LUKE C. CLARK, Prudential Committee.

The one term, of thirteen and one-half weeks, was taught by Miss Jennie M. Hills, of Richmond, who labored faithfully. We are sure experience will give her a good standing as a teacher. We observed a neatness in the school-room which we are always glad to

see. At the close, it was evident that what was attempted was well performed.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Our High School, which has been under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Wright as Principal, has been managed with more than usual success, and we are happy to say has become, through her energy and ability, cherished and patronized by the citizens of the town, a permanent and self-sustaining institution.

Our neighboring towns have been represented in the school by those desirous of receiving a preparatory course for teaching, and we would earnestly recommend our young teachers to avail themselves of the thorough drill of the High School.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

<i>Number of District,</i>	1	F. T.	2	3	4	5	High Sch.
Whole number of pupils, ...	58	39	35	21	21	11	70
Average attendance, ...	48½	33¼	30	18	19	10	43
Males, ...	24	20	23	11	11	8	31
Females, ...	24	19	12	10	10	3	39
Length of school in weeks, ...	10	12	9	8	8	8	10
Wages of teacher per month, ...	40	30	36	22	24	24	60
Absence of pupils in days, ...	413½	242	239	64	92½	50	
No. of children in Dist. between five and } fifteen years not attending any school, }	4		3	0	1	0	
Tardiness, ...	3	9	13	4	3	7	
Number of pupils not absent half a day, ...	10	8	6	5	6	4	
Number not tardy, ...	55	31	30	19	18	5	
Number of dismissals, ...	0	3	0	8	8	1	
Number of visits by citizens, ...	75	28	18	8	30	33	21
Number of visits by S. S. Committee, ...	3	3	4	2	2	2	
Number of visits by Prudential Committee, ...	2	1	2	1	0	1	
Number of visits by High School Committee, ...							5

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

<i>Number of District,</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	High Sch.
Whole number of pupils, ...	39	42	14	23	12	6	50
Average attendance, ...	33	34	11	19	10	5	40
Males, ...	17	27	10	14	9	4	25
Females, ...	22	15	4	9	3	2	25
Length of school in weeks, ...	10	11	10	10	9	13½	10
Wages of teacher per month, ...	52	42	24	24	24	24	60
Absence of pupils in days, ...	132½	175	159	206	37½	33½	
No. of children in Dist. between five and } fifteen years not attending any school, }		3	5	0	0	0	
Tardiness, ...	0	18	0	25	32	17	
Number of pupils not absent half a day, ...	13	9	0	6	4	0	
Number not tardy, ...	39	35	14	16	4	2	
Number of dismissals, ...	0	49	0	4	3	1	
Number of visits of citizens, ...	46	40	12	24	52	20	26
Number of visits by S. S. Committee, ...	2	4	2	2	2	2	
Number of visits of Prudential Committee, ...	0	2	2	1	2	0	
Number of visits by High School Committee, ...							5

GEO. H. ALDRICH, } *Superintending*
 ASA C. DORT, } *School Committee.*

